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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Joint Meteorological Committee
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Weather Bureau Participation in NIS Program

REFERENCES: a. Memo to DGI from Joint Meteorological Committee,
subject as above, dated 9 August 1949

b. Memo to CIA Budget Officer from Assistant Chief,
Budget Branch, re above subject, dtd 22 Sept. 1949

1. a. Since receipt of Reference "a" this Agency has been investigating the possibilities of additional support for Weather Bureau participation in the NIS program, including the provision of additional funds for this purpose.

b. Reference "b" summarizes the stand of the Weather Bureau with relation to Fiscal Year 1950 funds for its participation in the NIS program.

2. After discussion with the Weather Bureau, contact was made with the representative of the Bureau of the Budget who handles CIA affairs who informed us on 30 September that it is the opinion of the Bureau of the Budget that \$75,000 of the final sum appropriated by Congress for Weather Bureau activities during Fiscal Year 1950 were specifically earmarked for the NIS program and should be expended only for that purpose.

3. In view of the above, this Agency cannot provide funds for the purpose requested without contravening the intent of Congress and duplicating funds already provided for the purpose requested.

SIGNED

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Encl. (Ref. b)

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